

Sarah is a famous chimpanzee who lives in California. For a long time scientists, who study animal behavior, have been able to teach chimps how to follow simple instructions. Why then is Sarah such a celebrity? It's because Sarah has learned to read. A team of scientists first taught Sarah one symbol at a time to represent things she used, like an apple, a banana, and a pail. This required skill and time. Then, they practiced with the chimp until she could follow instructions she read.



The symbols used were not regular letters like ours, but unusual. In a remarkable way, Sarah can read them and follow the instructions they give her. When she reads the symbol, she follows whatever instructions they give.

Now Sarah's scientist teachers are helping her to learn more and more new and complicated things. First she learns a symbol; then she uses it. Already she can read almost one hundred symbols placed on a board. That is as much as many children can read in a primer. Who knows-- maybe someday Sarah will be able to read her own book.

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1. This article is about:
  - (a) the use of symbols
  - (b) a reading chimpanzee
  - (c) scientific symbols
  - (d) apples, bananas and a pail
2. Sarah is a celebrity because:
  - (a) scientists like her
  - (b) she follows their directions
  - (c) she can read instructions and follow them
  - (d) she can read our alphabet
3. The chimpanzee was taught:
  - (a) how to eat
  - (b) our alphabet
  - (c) to read a primer
  - (d) one symbol at a time
4. Sarah has learned:
  - (a) almost 100 symbols
  - (b) over 100 symbols
  - (c) almost 1,000 symbols
  - (d) 50 symbols
5. After the chimp reads the instructions, she:
  - (a) returns them to scientists
  - (b) follows the instructions
  - (c) receives a reward
  - (d) writes them down
6. Complicated means:
  - (a) involved
  - (b) different
  - (c) unusual
  - (d) completed
7. Teaching Sarah to read was:
  - (a) not possible
  - (b) extremely easy
  - (c) about like teaching a six year old
  - (d) accomplished quickly
8. The scientists have:
  - (a) spent little time on this project
  - (b) been extremely patient
  - (c) taught reading
  - (d) bought a lot of books